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Sir:

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Concurrently filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

A check in the amount of \$880 is attached to satisfy the extension of time fee and the RCE fee. If additional amounts are required to grant the petition, grant the RCE, and enter the amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

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